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Mahalo for your interest in our legislative agenda for 2004.

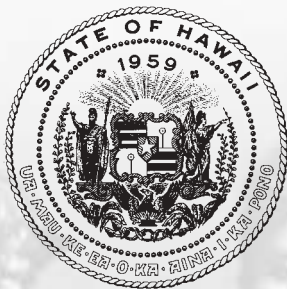
Our administration's top priority this year is reforming the public education system so that all our children can receive a quality education.



Our other top initiatives include: bolstering the economy, fighting crime and drug abuse, improving health care and protecting our state's natural and cultural resources. To accomplish these worthy goals, we have prepared a logical, common-sense set of legislative initiatives designed to make Hawai'i an even better place to live, work and raise a family. But we can't do this alone. We need your kokua. Please contact the legislators in your district to express support for our initiatives. Get involved. Volunteer your time and talents. Let's work together for a better Hawai'i.

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*“The legislative session ahead
presents so many opportunities...
opportunities to correct past mistakes,
devise new solutions to old problems,
capitalize on changing circumstances,
and the chance to lay down a clear
path to a bright future.”*

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Education

**Reforming the
Public Education
System**

Quality education is the most valuable gift one generation can give to the next. Every culture values education because it holds the key to success, not only for individuals and families but for society as a whole. That is why education is my administration's top priority.

Education gives us the tools we need to reach our full potential as individuals.

Education imparts the knowledge we need to pursue a career and earn a good living.

Education enables us to understand and participate in our great American democracy, and appreciate the cultures and systems in other countries.



And a quality education system provides both the entrepreneurs and workers needed to build new businesses and create jobs that will sustain our economy and a high standard of living for years to come.

Over the course of several decades, however, the state's public school system has failed to provide a quality education for our children. A lot of effort has been spent recently trying to understand why our schools are failing.

The problem is not our students. They are capable of excellence.

The problem is not our teachers. They are among the most highly qualified and committed in the nation.

The problem is not money. Hawai'i spends \$1.9 billion a year supporting our public school system, which is half of our General Fund budget. We rank 14th in the nation in spending on schools.

The real problem we face, and the one we can do something about during this legislative session, is that our school system is structured in a way that just doesn't work for the children.

We need local school boards instead of the current state bureaucracy.

Citizens Achieving Reform in Education



I CARE

Numerous reports have been published on Hawai'i's public school system. All point to the same problem – the way decisions get made. The Department of Education (DOE) decides how all resources are spent, resulting in only 49 cents of each dollar reaching the classroom. This centralized department is too far removed from the schools to respond effectively to actual teacher and student needs.

Last September I appointed 25 community leaders to a committee that helped me prepare education reform recommendations. Called CARE (Citizens Achieving Reform in Education), the committee is comprised of traditional and charter school principals, teachers, business leaders, a former DOE

official, a teacher's union official, a member of the State Board of Education and parents.

CARE conducted a series of community meetings across the state. Committee members and expert consultants examined prior reports on our educational system.

CARE also commissioned an independent study of school finances. The study found that in 2002, \$10,422 per student was spent on public education—almost \$8,500 on operations alone.



CARE concluded that the structure of public education in Hawai'i is ineffective. It is important to note that we are the only state in the nation where all decisions are made by a single, statewide board of education.

Teachers, students and parents have suffered decades of ineffective, centralized decision making that results in test scores ranking us at or near the bottom of the nation. These facts, coupled with past failures to fix the system, point to the obvious conclusion that it is time to stop tinkering and instead take the bold step of restructuring our school system by voting for local school boards.



Legislative Initiatives

I call upon every legislator to enthusiastically support:

- Placing a constitutional amendment on the November 2004 ballot enabling the voters of Hawai'i to decide if they want to establish local school boards or if they want to allow our current failing system to continue.

- Putting more money into the schools through a weighted student formula that assigns an amount of money to each student based on his or her specific education needs. If we switch to this system, up to 90% of operating funds could go directly to the schools.
- Empowering principals to function as true leaders. Principals should be expected to maintain the confidence of teachers, parents and staff and be held accountable for student success – much as CEOs are held accountable for the success of their companies.
- Establishing a Statewide Education Standards and Accountability Board, as many other states have done. This board would be tasked with maintaining rigorous standards and fairly allocating funds to all schools in the state.



- Providing public charter schools with fair and adequate funding for operations and facilities, along with lifting the cap on new start-up charter schools.
- Increasing discipline by asking the legislature to give teachers more authority to remove disruptive students from their classrooms.

My goal is to have these six education initiatives implemented by the fall of 2005. Some have suggested that we are moving too fast. I believe it is time to move forward with great determination. This is an ambitious timetable, but one we can meet to ensure that every student has the opportunity to succeed.

Additional Funding for Schools

In addition to these major legislative initiatives, we have included in a budget submission to the legislature:

- \$90 million in capital improvement funds addressing basic repairs and maintenance at schools. Hawai'i's school facilities have suffered from years of neglect, despite

citizen-led efforts to improve them. Leaking roofs, falling walkways, inoperable rest rooms and faulty fire alarm systems are a few examples.




- \$211,000 for additional security attendants, particularly at schools where enrollment has increased. Students and teachers need to feel safe on campus. Anything less is not conducive to learning.
- \$480,000 to pay teachers who achieve certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Teachers who reach this level of achievement deserve to be recognized and rewarded.

- Transfers and additional funding totaling \$25.9 million for Hawai'i's charter schools. This per-pupil money is critical to the success of charter schools as independent learning centers.
- \$1 million to buy books for our libraries. This will be augmented with \$500,000 in federal funds to improve high technology resources in our libraries.
- \$3.5 million to enhance the A+ after-school program.
- \$1 million for supplies for school restroom facilities statewide.



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**Crime
& Drugs**

**Building
Safe
Communities**

Public safety is one of the fundamental responsibilities of government. Safe neighborhoods promote a sense of social well-being and are essential if our state is to flourish. Our children need to be safe at school, grandparents need to be safe when crossing the street, women need to be safe walking to their cars at night. And visitors need to return home with all the valuables they brought on vacation.



Community-based efforts empowering citizens to prevent crime – such as Neighborhood Watch and Weed and Seed programs – are part of the solution. But these programs need to be complemented by strong local law enforcement, tough penalties for criminal behavior, adequate incarceration facilities, focused rehabilitation and enhanced prevention programs.

Our anti-crime initiatives to build safe communities are three-pronged: combating substance abuse, increasing public safety and protecting vulnerable young people from being victimized.

Combating Substance Abuse

In September of last year, Lt. Governor James “Duke” Aiona, Jr. convened the Drug Control Strategy Summit to identify approaches for tackling illicit drug use and underage drinking.



It is a problem that generates much compassion because it has affected so many of us, but acting on that compassion with solutions that work has been difficult. This problem didn't happen suddenly – it has been years in the making. Past efforts to fight illegal drugs and underage drinking lacked coordination, and our people suffered as a result.

Prior to the state's first drug summit, Lt. Governor Aiona listened to residents' suggestions on how to deal with this problem at 14 community forums held across the state. Many of our initiatives are based on recommendations he received from community leaders and citizens at those forums. Our proposals include:

- **Creating more after-school programs targeted at middle school students.**

These programs would be paid for with up to \$5 million in federal funds to provide healthy activities for children in the most vulnerable age group.

- Increasing drug treatment programs in our prisons and health centers through the addition of \$430,000 in state funds and \$3.6 million in federal money. This expenditure will augment the \$19.6 million already in the state budget for substance abuse treatment.
- Enhancing penalties for those who manufacture illicit drugs.
- Imposing serious prison time for a person who manufactures illegal drugs when a child is present, and imposing an additional five years if that child suffers bodily harm.
- Placing limits on the sale of chemicals that can be used to manufacture the drug “Ice.”
- Regulating the sale of certain laboratory items that can be used to make illegal drugs.
- Making permanent the law allowing judges to seize cars and other property belonging to convicted drug felons, and to use those assets to help communities harmed by criminals. The law allowing such seizures is set to expire on June 30 of this year.

- Curbing illegal sales of tobacco products, particularly to minors, through the Internet and retail establishments.
- Requiring retail outlets to obtain permits for selling tobacco products.
- Making it a class “C” felony to ship more than 1,000 untaxed cigarettes into Hawai‘i, and requiring a license for those who do ship cigarettes.

Increasing Law Enforcement’s Capabilities

Law enforcement’s hands have been tied for too long by judicial decisions that can only be overturned by changing the constitution. It is time we leveled the playing field between the criminals and those sworn to protect.

How many times have you read a newspaper story or seen a television report about a crime committed by a person with 10, 20 or more than 30 prior convictions? And how many times have you heard about innocent victims being injured or killed by drivers who were speeding or under the influence of alcohol or drugs?

To stop the “revolving door” syndrome and increase traffic safety, we propose:

- Strengthening Hawai‘i’s electronic surveillance laws. This is an important tool in the identification and arrest of drug dealers and other criminals.
- Authorizing a constitutional amendment legalizing the “walk and talk” and “knock and talk” programs. These are vital tools law enforcement officers need to identify and apprehend drug carriers at airports, harbors and suspected drug houses.
- Toughening mandatory sentencing laws to keep repeat offenders off the streets and away from our families.
- Making it a felony for people to continue driving after their license has been suspended or revoked.



Addressing Overcrowded Correctional Facilities

Tougher sentencing is not enough. There must be adequate facilities to house first-time offenders as well as repeat criminals. To address the immediate overcrowding situation in our correctional facilities, we request:

- An emergency appropriation of \$2 million to move 120 prisoners out of state now.
- \$5.9 million to transfer 220 prisoners to federal detention and out-of-state facilities in the coming fiscal year.
- \$8.4 million in emergency repairs and maintenance for jail and prison facilities on Kauaʻi and Oʻahu.
- \$1.5 million to develop plans and specifications to replace Oʻahu Community Correctional Center. This aged, overcrowded facility was poorly designed and is poorly located.

Protecting Our Most Vulnerable Populations



The process of building safe communities also means protecting those who are most vulnerable – children, senior citizens and people living in poverty. Therefore, our administration proposes:

- Adding child pornographers to the registry of sex offenders.
 - Amending the constitution to allow public access to records of sex offenders.
- Frequently referred to as Megan's Law, this would make it easier for parents to obtain information identifying sexual offenders in their communities.

- Allowing law enforcement officers with the departments of Public Safety and Attorney General to place an endangered child in protective custody. Currently only local police have this authority.
- Allowing police officers to enforce trespassing in public housing projects. Current laws treat these facilities as private property, making it difficult for police to remove disruptive individuals from projects housing the poor and elderly.

*“You can’t fight
21st century crimes
with 20th century
laws.”*

– Governor Linda Lingle

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**Health
Care**

**Achieving a
Healthier
Hawai‘i**

We are blessed to be one of the healthiest states in the nation. Yet there are still many children and adults who do not receive basic medical, dental and mental health care.



Providing quality health care for all residents is currently beyond our state's financial ability, but we must begin to make progress toward our goal. My administration's 2004 initiatives include:

- An additional \$2.7 million to provide primary care for uninsured residents treated at community health centers.

I visited five community clinics on four islands during the past year and found their boards and staffs fully committed to quality care for both the insured and uninsured in their neighborhoods. These clinics treat thousands of children and adults who otherwise would go without medical services, meaning fewer people end up in emergency rooms because they receive basic care on an ongoing basis.

- \$5 million in state funds, to be matched with federal funds, to provide medical assistance for an additional 6,000 children and 1,000 low-income adults through the state's Medicaid program. Part of these funds would also be used to start a new program to provide medical services for pregnant immigrants.
- \$18.5 million for mental health services across the state. After decades of neglecting the mental health needs of Hawai'i's families, we must be bold in dealing with this difficult and heart-wrenching problem. This funding would allow our community mental health centers and the Hawai'i State Hospital to help more people, and would increase the

likelihood that homeless people suffering from mental illness could live a life off the streets.

Improving Health Insurance Options

Besides spending additional state funds, there are several other steps we propose to make private health insurance available to more residents. We are recommending, as we did in 2003, that the legislature eliminate the premium tax on new companies seeking to sell medical insurance to Hawai'i residents. This would increase competition by leveling the playing field and thus lowering health insurance costs.

We also propose passage of a law enabling members of business associations to join together in negotiating affordable group health insurance rates to cover their employees.

Everyone knows prescription drugs are a big part of the price of health care. To facilitate the availability of lower-cost generic drugs, we propose legislation improving procedures of the Drug Product Selection Boards.

We also recommend that the legislature amend the prescription drug program enacted last year – known as “Hawai‘i Rx” – to ensure it targets those residents who can least afford to purchase medications. In particular, this program should focus on families who earn no more than 350% of the federal poverty level and who are not eligible for Medicaid or an employer-provided health plan.

Addressing Long-Term Care

The issue of long-term health care, especially as baby boomers enter their retirement years, is becoming an increasing challenge for our state. We seek to address this situation by:

- Supporting state tax credits for families and individuals who take responsibility for their own long-term care by purchasing insurance.
- Requesting over \$3 million in state and federal funds so the elderly and disabled can obtain more home- and community-based nursing care.

- Seeking \$860,000 for in-home chore services, allowing more people to remain longer in their own homes.

Encouraging Healthy Lifestyles

The expression “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure” reminds us that, often it is our own actions that have the biggest impact on our health. The simple, common-sense choices to avoid tobacco, excessive alcohol and harmful drugs, and to eat sensibly, exercise and get a sufficient amount of sleep will determine our quality of life to a large degree.

Each of us can lower our health care costs by making good lifestyle decisions. This is one area where each citizen can have a big impact on bringing down the cost of government.



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Environment

**Preserving
Hawai‘i’s
Unique
Environment**

Hawai'i is blessed with a unique abundance of natural resources and beauty that require thoughtful stewardship. But too often this stewardship has been reactive rather than proactive.

That is why our administration is pledging to spend \$20 million over the next four years to tackle the challenge of invasive species. This program would be unprecedented in scope and scale.



A lack of preventive action against terrestrial and marine-based invasive species both here at home, as well as in other Pacific island environments, has resulted in disastrous ecological consequences. The danger of continued inaction cannot be overemphasized.

Two-thirds of Tahiti's rain forests have been overrun by the plant miconia, resulting in substantial damage to that island's watersheds, soils and reefs.



The brown tree snake has decimated the bird population of Guam, and Hawai'i's birds are just a plane ride away. And no one who viewed Lake Wilson early last year before our massive clean up will ever doubt the destruction an invasive species can wreak here at home.

The \$5 million annually we propose will support Hawai'i's Invasive Species Council in its efforts to eradicate existing problems and prevent new species from arriving on our shores. It's important to note that



matching funds from the federal government as well as private sources would double this money to \$10 million per year.

Coupled with the invasive species initiative, we must remain vigilant in addressing man-made contaminants. That is why our administration proposes legislation to make illegal dumping of solid waste a felony. We also want to encourage private landowners to work cooperatively with the State Department of Health to clean up contaminated properties.

Improving Parks and Harbors

As an island state with an economy based to a significant extent on tourism, the environment remains a critical part of our economic well-being. Yet here too, the past practice has been one of reaction rather than positive action.

For too many years, state parks and marine resources have been poorly maintained and allowed to fall into disrepair, jeopardizing the environment, the economy and the well-being of people across the state.

To address this neglect we propose:

- **Issuing a \$14-million bond to improve state park facilities.** Our 69 parks and recreational areas accommodate more than 15 million visits a year. The funds we are requesting would be the first installment of a multi-year program to bring our parks up to the level our citizens deserve and our visitors expect.
- **Approving \$10 million to renovate small boat harbors statewide.** Safe access to the ocean and adequate, well-maintained harbors are part of both environmental stewardship and improved recreational opportunities. We have prioritized improvements to our 21 small boat harbors and 54 boat ramps on a statewide, multi-year basis. Increased boating fees would pay for bonds to fund these projects.
- **Issuing \$2.4 million in bonds for Kuhio Beach improvements.** This beach is one of the most utilized stretches of shoreline in our state, and to neglect its maintenance would be a serious oversight.

Protecting Agricultural Lands and Watersheds

Preserving the environment also means making wise decisions about the land.

Twenty-five years ago, our constitution was amended to require that the state conserve and protect agricultural land, promote diversified agriculture, increase agricultural self-sufficiency and assure the availability of agriculturally suitable lands.

Over the years, a lack of consensus between various interest groups over how important agricultural lands should be designated has stymied all attempts to pass legislation accomplishing this important mandate. Now an opportunity exists to fulfill the mandate through the collaborative efforts of many.

We are seeking legislation that would allow the counties to play a key role in identifying important agricultural lands, as guided by standards and criteria set by the legislature. Final approval would rest with the Land Use Commission.

To further support agriculture, we are requesting in the supplemental budget:

- \$3 million dollars in state funds and \$3.25 million in federal funds for the Upcountry Maui Watershed project. This money would finance feeder lines for developing and sustaining diversified agricultural operations in this important area.
- \$500,000 for Moloka'i irrigation system improvements.

Hand in hand with agricultural preservation is the need to protect and preserve Hawai'i's watersheds. Last year we formed the Hawai'i Alliance of Watershed Partnerships to promote coordination among the state's seven existing watershed partnerships.

Encouraging Alternative Energy


Hawai'i's middle-of-the-ocean location can be both a blessing and a curse. It's expensive to ship crude oil to Hawai'i, and limited retail competition means the price of gas is steep. We also pay highest-in-the-nation electricity bills.

At the same time, we are blessed with a diversity of natural energy sources, including wave action, wind, geothermal, biomass and year-round sun.

Conservation, waste-to-energy programs and alternative energy initiatives can reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and move Hawai'i to the forefront in terms of progressive energy policies. To demonstrate our commitment and leadership role, we propose:

- Enacting standards requiring 20% of all electricity sold in the year 2020 to come from renewable sources. This ambitious goal would be mandated in steps through a balance of incentives and penalties.
- Exempting non-fossil fuels from the state fuel tax.
- Changing the existing ethanol fuel tax credit to link tax incentives with actual production of these fuels. Ethanol is a clean-burning fuel made from plant products such as sugar cane waste. Several companies stand poised to build ethanol facilities in Hawai'i, and this legislation would lay the foundation.

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Economy

**Strengthening
and Diversifying
the Economy**

A healthy economy means an increase in the standard of living for each and every person in Hawai‘i. It means better-paying jobs and the chance for thousands of our sons and daughters to return home.

The good news is that our economy is starting to rebound from years of stagnation. The latest statistics indicate strong job growth and increased personal income. But a sustainable economy is not created overnight.

Although forces beyond our control can dramatically impact the economy at times, a sustainable, vibrant economy is neither the result of wishful thinking nor chance. It is the result of eliminating obstacles to business creation and job growth, encouraging the entrepreneurial spirit in our citizens, investing in both existing and emerging industries, and fostering the attitude that labor, government and business can work cooperatively for their mutual benefit.



Providing Tax Relief

An important step state government can take to improve the standard of living for our citizens is providing tax relief for the lowest wage earning families and for our “citizen soldiers.” We are proposing legislation to:

- **Raise the standard income tax deduction over the next three years to equal 50% of the federal standard deduction.** Hawai‘i’s standard deduction has not been adjusted in 20 years. When this simple change is fully phased in, over 19,000 low-income wage earners would be relieved of any state income tax burden.
- **Exempt from state income taxes the military pay of our citizens in uniform deployed in combat zones.** This exemption would apply to the Hawai‘i National Guard and reserve forces of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Marine Corps.

Improving the Economic Climate



To continue our efforts in building a business-friendly climate in Hawai‘i, we are requesting legislation to:

- Allow the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) to lower business registration fees and adjust other fees as warranted so this department runs like a business itself. These cuts, along with others made in the department, would save companies an estimated \$6 million by June of 2005.
- Eliminate the current charge businesses must pay to receive a “Certificate of Good Standing.” When companies comply with our laws, they shouldn’t have to pay the government to acknowledge that fact. The business community should be our partner in economic development – not a profit center for government bureaucracy.

- Improve the workers' compensation system because the cost of this insurance is a substantial business expense and because we believe the system can work better. Our proposed reforms include: eliminating stress claims for legitimate personnel actions, streamlining the litigation process and vigorously fighting fraud by enabling the Insurance Commissioner to investigate questionable claims.
- Give residential building contractors the opportunity to lower insurance costs by allowing them to repair defects before litigation is filed against them. Ultimately, this will help hold down escalating housing costs.
- Build on Hawai'i's strong reputation in the captive insurance field by making our state a port of entry for foreign insurance companies wanting to do business in the United States. When more foreign as well as domestic captive insurance companies choose Hawai'i as their headquarters, it enhances our state's reputation as a good place to do business.

- Provide improved investment tools that convince technology industries to locate and stay in our state. The programs we propose would encourage investments through professional venture capital managers and offer incentives for supporting University of Hawai‘i-based research. The objective would be to help not only start-up firms, but also more mature companies that are ready to launch a product or service.

Creating Jobs



Job and income growth are up in Hawai‘i, due in large part to a surge of construction and real estate activity.

State construction initiatives already underway include the University of Hawai'i John H. Burns School of Medicine. This facility has the potential for attracting the brightest minds in biomedical research. Our administration also has addressed problems with the \$17-million Fishing Village at Honolulu Harbor so this facility, which has been vacant since April 2002, will open in October 2004.

Additionally, work is underway on the feasibility of a major Farmer's Market, which is expected to create 208 construction jobs and nearly 3,000 new jobs when the market begins operations.

Our commitment to creating new jobs also extends to the Waianae Coast. Last session I signed a bill providing tax credits for visitor facilities in Ko Olina, coupled with job training scholarships. Also, we are providing funds to expand construction-related apprenticeship programs taught at community colleges.

We have asked the legislature to continue funding critical construction projects addressing basic needs in our community that also provide private sector job opportunities.

These include:

- \$9 million for road improvements to the Kaka‘ako Waterfront area.
- \$8.4 million for the Maui Research and Technology Center.
- \$6.6 million to repair and modernize state-owned housing projects.
- \$5.5 million for hospital renovations including an expansion of the Hilo Medical Center emergency room.
- \$25 million to address much-needed repairs at our state correctional centers.
- \$84 million for major roadwork, including \$24 million for the long-sought North South Road in Kapolei.
- \$41.5 million for improvements at our harbors.
- \$25 million for major repairs and maintenance at University of Hawai‘i campuses.
- \$90 million for school repair and maintenance.

Promoting the Tourism Industry



For the tourism industry, all indications point to 2004 being a better year. Visitor counts are up, additional airline flights are scheduled, and the cruise ship industry will add ships and ports of call.

To respond to this increased demand as well as new security requirements, our administration proposes:

- Spending \$42 million for improving the Honolulu and Kahului airports.

Terminal upgrades, runway repairs and new baggage handling facilities are part of the improvements.

- Funding to upgrade our terminals, piers and harbor restrooms to accommodate cruise ship passengers.
- Spending \$2 million for renovations and maintenance at the Hawai'i Convention Center to preserve the investment we made in this important facility and to forestall costly repairs in future years.

Living Within Our Means

Finally, a healthy economy cannot be sustained if government does not live within its means. Balanced budgets proposed by the Executive Branch are only half the fiscal equation. The State Legislature plays an equally important role in ensuring Hawai'i's fiscal integrity.

That is why I propose to amend the State Constitution requiring the legislature to enact a balanced budget. This is similar to the law in 40 other states.



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**Other
Initiatives**

**Important
Legislation!**

Building Safe Communities

We are proposing legislation to:

- Strengthen procedures for identifying and dealing with unscrupulous charity fundraisers.
- Toughen laws relating to public officials taking bribes.
- Require state personnel to report to the police incidents of dependent adult abuse and neglect.



Strengthening and Diversifying the Economy

We will continue to urge the adoption of legislation to:

- Clarify that made in Hawai‘i recycled products are eligible for both the recycled preference and the “made in Hawai‘i” preference (HB 1137, SB 1290).

Additional New Initiatives We are Recommending Would:

- Enhance the protection of water for agricultural purposes.



- Give employers the right to a jury trial as an alternative to handling claims before the Hawai‘i Civil Rights Commission.
This is the same right provided to employees.

Promoting a Healthier Hawai‘i



We will continue to support legislation to:

- Authorize the Hawai‘i Health Systems Corporation to obtain criminal background checks on potential employees (HB 1189, SB 1367).

New Proposals We are Recommending This Year Would:

- Expand the definition of serious mental illness to include such behaviors as delusion and major depression.
- Allow health plans to directly pay non-participating doctors.

- Clarify that the people who refer clients to long-term care homes are not the same people who also certify these homes as meeting safety and health standards.
- Provide \$18.2 million in funding for Waimanalo Wastewater Treatment plant expansion and improvements.

Enhancing Good Government



We will continue to endorse legislation to:

- Remove the requirement that the precinct election chairperson has to be a member of the same party as the Governor (HB 1094, SB 1347).

- Preclude non-bid contractors from contributing to political campaigns (HB 1095, SB 1348).
- Consolidate the Aloha Tower Development Corporation and the Hawai‘i Community Development Authority (HB 1134, SB 1287).
- Authorize the state to lease duty-free concessions at airports to more than one company (HB 1231, SB 1402).
- Clarify that incarcerated persons do not qualify for state employee benefits (HB 1215, SB 1386).

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